

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Competitive Products Price Changes
Rates of General Applicability

Docket No. CP2014-5

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued November 19, 2013)

To clarify the Postal Service's planned competitive product price adjustments as described in the Notice of the United States Postal Service of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products Established in Governors' Decision No. 13-2 (Notice), the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided no later than November 22, 2013.

1. In its Notice at 2, the Postal Service discusses "new products or price categories introduced" in this proceeding. Please identify the new products that are being introduced in this proceeding, and for each new product identified, provide the information required by 39 C.F.R. § 3020.30 *et seq.*
2. On pages 15, 32, 62, 81, 83, and 87 of the Attachment to Governors' Decision 13-2 (Attachment), the Postal Service proposes an "IMpb Noncompliance Fee" of \$0.20 for "each IMpb-noncompliant commercial parcel."
 - a. Please explain the meaning of "commercial parcel."
 - b. Please provide a definition of "commercial parcel" for inclusion in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS), Part C, Glossary of Terms and Conditions.

3. On page 33 of the Attachment, the Minimum Volume Requirements for some Nonpresort Parcel Select packages are altered. Please confirm that the proposal is intended to set a minimum volume requirement of 50 pieces or 50 pounds per mailing for all Nonpresort Parcel Select packages. If not confirmed, please explain.
4. Governors' Decision 13-2 states that customers shipping Standard Post packages to Zones 1-4 will receive Priority Mail service, unless the package "contains hazardous material or is otherwise not permitted to travel by air transportation." On page 86 of the Attachment, a new footnote to the Standard Post price table states that "[p]rices for Zones 1-4, up to 70 pounds, applicable only to Hazmat, Lives, or other required ground-only mail." Please confirm that the following revision to footnote 1 of the Standard Post MCS price table accurately reflects the Postal Service's proposal. If not confirmed, please explain.
 1. The Zone 1-4 prices for parcels weighing up to 70 pounds are applicable only to parcels containing hazardous or other material not permitted to travel by air transportation.
5. Please refer to the non-public "Price Calc Files_CP2014-5" folder that shows supporting price adjustment calculations. It appears that the price adjustment calculations for International Priority Airmail (IPA) and International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) were not included within this folder. Please provide the supporting IPA and ISAL price adjustment calculations. If the information is not available, please explain.

6. In the FY 2012 Annual Compliance Determination Report (ACD), the Commission directed the Postal Service to file a methodology for estimating the attributable costs of the Package Intercept Service, in a rulemaking prior to incorporating the methodology in its FY 2013 ACD (ACD at 163). Please describe the progress that the Postal Service has made in developing a methodology for estimating the attributable costs of Package Intercept Service.
7. Please identify where in the Postal Service workpapers the costs associated with the enhancements to competitive Post Office Boxes are reported.

By the Chairman.

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